Negotiations with Workers' Unions in HEC

1580. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trouble in the public sector undertakings like H.E.C. of Ranchi has arisen as a result of giving recognition to workers' unions by pick and choose method and not on the basis of support of workers;

(b) if so, whether Government asked the H.E.C. management to negotiate with all workers' unions and not with only one so that industrial peace could be restored to this unit; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not doing so?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Grant of recognition depends upon the relevant labour laws and statutes. Negotiations with various Unions are held under the auspices of the Conciliation officer of the State Government.

Lok Adalats in Bihar

1581. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have opened 'Lok Adalats' in all the States/Union territories of the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of such adalats held in Bihar during the year 1986 and the number of cases disposed of;

(c) whether there is any proposal to hold such courts particularly in the district head quarters so that people with limited means can get quick justice; and

(d) what are the details of the progress made so far in setting up family courts in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Lok Adalats are not regularly constituted courts. They are, however, organised and held as voluntary agencies by the respective State Legal Aid and Advice Boards. According to the information furnished by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes, 5 Lok Adalats were held in Bihar during the year 1986 and 6,634 cases were settled.

(c) Lok Adalats are generally held in the district and rural areas so as to provide speedier and inexpensive justice at the door-steps of the poor.

(d) The matter regarding setting up of Family Courts in the State of Bihar is receiving the attention of the Government of Bihar. Since the Family Courts are to be set up by the State Government, it is not possible to indicate as to when such courts will be set up in Bihar.

Late Supply of LPG by the Dealers

1582. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against the dealers for very late supply of cooking gas to the subscribers in Delhi and other States, Statewise during the last two years;

(b) the number of complaints received against the under weighed supply of cooking gas by the dealers in Delhi and other States, Statewise, during the same period; and

(c) what are the details of action taken by Government against dealers for these malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) A statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) Such complaints of underweight cylinders and delays in supply of refills are duly investigated and, warnings are issued to the dealers in cases of proven malpractices.